

**BOARD OF MADISON COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**  
**January 22, 2008 MINUTES**

On Tuesday, January 22, 2008, a meeting of the Board of Madison County Commissioners came to order at 8:30 a.m. with Commissioners David Schulz, Marilyn Ross, and Jim Hart present.

Jim Hart moved to approve the January 8, 2008, minutes as corrected. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

Those people in attendance at the meeting were Stacy Reid, Karen Brown, Peggy Kaatz, Charity Fechter, Jessi Fanelli, Chris Mumme, Shelly Burke, Vicki Tilstra, Brandy Hilton, John Semingson, Judy Melin, Barbie Durham, and Amy Donovan.

**Road Research Analyst Position:** Stacy Reid, Road Research Analyst, met with the Board to discuss what the expectations were for the research she is conducting. Peggy Kaatz, Clerk and Recorder, and Karen Brown, GIS/IT, were also present for this portion of the meeting. The Board indicated that the end result they are looking for is a revised reference list for all roads in the county; hard copies of documents relating to all roads, and a completed data base referencing all road documents.

**Strawberry Ridge SAI and LOC Replacement:** Charity Fechter, Planning Director, and Jessi Fanelli, Moonlight Basin Ranch, met with the Board to discuss a replacement for the Subdivision Improvements Agreement and Letter of Credit for subdivision improvements in Strawberry Ridge Subdivision. Marilyn Ross moved to replace the Strawberry Ridge (Cowboy Heaven Phase 4A) Subdivision Improvements Agreement and Letter of Credit approved on February 20, 2007, by releasing the current SIA and LOC #626852-04 from Comerica Bank in the amount of \$157,500.00 on file in the Clerk and Recorder's office as Document #118707 and replace it with a revised Subdivision Improvements Agreement and Letter of Credit #08-001, dated January 22, 2008, from American Bank in the amount of \$184,250.00 to expire on January 22, 2009. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Jim Hart moved to approve the Estoppel Letter dated January 22, 2008, from Madison County to Moonlight Basin Ranch, Lehman Commercial Paper, and Lehman Brothers Holdings, regarding the Subdivision Improvements Agreement for Strawberry Ridge Subdivision. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Planning Board Annual Report:** Charily Fechter, Planning Director, presented the Board with the Annual Report of the Madison County Planning Board for Fiscal Year 2006-2007. The report included information regarding the number of subdivision proposals reviewed, site visits conducted, building envelope changes reviewed, subdivision exemptions reviewed, compliance checks conducted, conservations easements reviewed, and tower permits reviewed. The report also addressed Planning Board membership, Planning Staff, and Planning Projects.

**Airports:** The Board received notice that new plow truck for the Ennis Airport would be arriving on Thursday. The Board will notify John Hauck and Bob Gates that the truck will be delivered.

**NAHN/Habitat for Humanity Resolution:** Marilyn Ross moved to approve Resolution 4-2008, a resolution to support National Affordable Housing Network's application to provide homebuyer assistance funding services for Southwest Montana, including Madison County. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Surplus Property Sale:** Jim Hart moved to request bids for the sale of two pickups that are currently located at the Ennis road shop. Marilyn Ross seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried. Bids for these vehicles will be due in the Commissioners' Office by 5:00 p.m. on February 4, 2008.

**Fire Districts:** Chris Mumme, Director of Emergency Management, presented the Board with two petitions, one to create a rural fire district in the Virginia City area and one to extend the Alder Rural Fire District. Marilyn Ross moved to accept the petition to establish a Virginia City Rural Fire District and to accept the petition to annex property into the Alder Rural Fire District, and to set a public hearing for February 19, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. in the Commissioners' Conference Room at the Madison County Courthouse in Virginia City, Montana. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Great West Engineering Task Order #14 – Hutchins Bridge:** Marilyn Ross moved to approve Task Order #14, Hutchins Bridge Evaluation, Great West Engineering Project Number 1-05166, for the evaluation of collision damage at the Hutchins Bridge and recommend repair options and estimated costs for an amount not to exceed \$2,040.00. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Town of Ennis Resolution of Assessment for Street Improvements:** The Board contacted Ginger Guinn, Town of Ennis, regarding a resolution that was passed by the Town of Ennis levying assessments upon benefited property to repay a Special Assessment Bond issued for the purpose of defraying the cost of making street resurfacing improvements on Madison Avenue from Armitage Street to Beaverhead Street. Vicki Tilstra, Chief Financial Officer, Shelly Burke, Treasurer, and Brandy Hilton, Department of Revenue, were present for this portion of the meeting. The Board will contact Bob Murdo, Bond Counsel for the Town of Ennis, to determine what the County's role is for collecting these assessments.

**Nursing Homes Licensed Nurses Wages:** John Semingson, Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center Administrator, and Judy Melin, Madison Valley Manor Administrator, met with the Board to discuss salaries of licensed nurses. Marilyn Ross moved to authorize the nursing home administrators the latitude in accordance with Attachment B of Resolution 17-2007, a resolution setting salaries for Fiscal Year 2007-2008, to negotiate salaries within the salary schedule up to 100 percent of the salary schedule for Registered Nurses and Licensed Practical Nurses that have ten years of experience or more. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Victims Witness Advocacy Grant:** Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, and Amy Donovan, Victims Witness Advocate, met with the Board to discuss Victims Witness Grant Application. Amy presented the Board with a description of her position and a Subgrant Application. Marilyn Ross moved to approve the Victim Witness Advocacy Program Subgrant Application to the Montana Board of Crime Control for the period beginning July 1, 2008, and ending June 30, 2009, and to approve a letter of support for the program. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**SMA Contract for CDBG Planning Grant:** Barbie Durham, Grant Writer, presented the Board with a contract for professional services for both nursing homes. Marilyn Ross moved to approve the Professional Architectural Services Contract PAR on Nursing Homes in Madison County, Montana, Tobacco Root Mountains Care Center and Madison Valley Manor, between Madison County and Schlenker and McKittrick Architects for the purpose of Preliminary Architectural Reports on two nursing homes in Madison County under the Montana Community Block Grant Program for an amount not to exceed \$20,000.00. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

**Reauthorize Secure Rural Schools Act Letter to the Editor and Senators:** Marilyn Ross moved to send a letter to the editor regarding the need for reauthorization of the Secure Rural Schools Act and to write a similar letter to Senator Max Baucus, Senator Jon Tester, and Representative Denny Rehberg. Jim Hart seconded the motion. All voted aye and the motion carried.

With no further business this portion of the meeting was adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

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David Schulz, Chairman  
Board of Madison County Commissioners

Date Approved: January 29, 2008

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